

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A portable information processing apparatus comprising:
a casing main body;
a keyboard for data input, said keyboard being fixed to said casing main body and having a near-side edge and a far-side edge;
a disk drive device for receiving a detachable disk recording medium; and
a disk cover for covering said disk drive device, said disk cover being arranged to pivot about a shaft at said near-side edge of said keyboard and oriented so as to be parallel to said near-side edge;
wherein said disk drive device, said keyboard, and said disk cover are arranged so that only a part of the disk recording medium is located beneath said keyboard when the disk recording medium is received within said disk drive device.

2. (Previously Presented) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said disk cover comprises a pointing device for position input.

3. (Previously Presented) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said disk cover further comprises a protrusion;
wherein said casing main body further comprises a switch;
wherein said disk cover and said casing main body are arranged so that said switch opens or closes an electric circuit due to force from said protrusion depending on an opened or closed position of said disk cover; and
wherein an operation of said disk drive device is controlled by the opening or the closing of said electric circuit.

4. (Previously Presented) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1,

wherein a lower side of said keyboard is made of a material having excellent heat conductivity characteristics, and said lower side is in contact with heat generating parts in said casing main body.

5. (Previously Presented) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said disk drive device is inclined relative to said disk cover so that the part of the loaded disk recording medium located beneath said keyboard is lower than other parts of the disk recording medium.

6. (Previously Presented) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

- a display unit pivotable with respect to said casing main body,
- wherein said display unit has a display device;
- wherein a margin of said display unit projects at a side of said display device; and
- wherein said margin and said disk cover are arranged so that said margin abuts against said disk cover when said display unit is closed while said disk cover is open.

7. (Previously Presented) The portable information processing apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

- an urging member for forcing said disk cover in an open direction,
- wherein said urging member is provided at a side of said disk cover to abut against said margin.

Claims 8-15 (Cancelled).